

this title, Rural and Cooperative Development Grants, Value-Added Producer Grants and Agriculture Innovation Center Grants. Rural Development State Offices act on behalf of the Rural Utilities Service, the Rural Business-Cooperative Service and the Farm Service Agency as to loan and grant programs formerly administered by the Farmers Home Administration and the Rural Development Administration. Loans sold without insurance to the private sector will be serviced in the private sector and will not be serviced under this subpart. The provisions of this subpart are not applicable to such loans. Future changes to this Subpart will not be made applicable to such loans.

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#### § 1951.202 Objectives.

The purpose of loan and grant servicing functions is to assist recipients to meet the objectives of loans and grants, repay loans on schedule, comply with agreements, and protect FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354's financial interest. Supervision by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 includes, but is not limited to, review of budgets, management reports, audits and financial statements; performing security inspections and providing, arranging for, or recommending technical assistance; evaluating environmental impacts of proposed actions by the borrower; and performing civil rights compliance reviews.

#### § 1951.203 Definitions.

(a) *Approval official*. An official who has been delegated loan and/or grant approval authorities within applicable programs.

(b) *Assumption of debt*. The agreement by one party to legally bind itself to pay the debt incurred by another.

(c) *CONACT*. The Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended.

(d) *Eligible applicant*. An entity that would be legally qualified for financial assistance under the loan or grant program involved in the servicing action.

(e) *Ineligible applicant*. An entity or individual that would not be considered eligible for financial assistance under

the loan or grant program involved in the servicing action.

(f) *Nonprogram (NP) loan*. An NP loan exists when credit is extended to an ineligible applicant and/or transferee in connection with loan assumptions or sale of inventory property; any recipient in cases of unauthorized assistance; or a recipient whose legal organization has changed as set forth in § 1951.220(e) of this subpart resulting in the borrower being ineligible for program benefits.

(g) *Servicing office*. The State, District, or County Office responsible for immediate servicing functions for the borrower or grantee.

(h) *Transfer fee*. A one-time non-refundable application fee, charged to ineligible applicants for FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 services rendered in the processing of a transfer and assumption.

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#### § 1951.204 Nondiscrimination.

Each instrument of conveyance required for a transfer, assumption, or other servicing action under this subpart will contain the following covenant.

The property described herein was obtained or improved with Federal financial assistance and is subject to the nondiscrimination provisions of title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and other similarly worded Federal statutes, and the regulations issued pursuant thereto that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, handicap, religion, age, or sex in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Such provisions apply for as long as the property continues to be used for the same or similar purposes for which the Federal assistance was extended, for so long as the purchaser owns it, whichever is later.

#### § 1951.205 Redelelegation of authority.

Servicing functions under this subpart which are specifically assigned to the State Director may be redelegated in writing to an appropriate sufficiently trained designee.